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SUBJECT: TURKISH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ISSUES WARNING

AGAINST SUBVERSION AND VIOLENCE

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1. MAIN TURKISH NEWSPAPERS FEB. 27 CARRIED REPORTS OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC) AFTER ITS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING UNDER PRESIDENT KORUTURK'S CHAIRMANSHIP FEB. 26. STATEMENT READS IN PART: "NO MATTER FROM WHICH DIRECTION OR WHERE THEY MAY COME FROM, MOVEMENTS WHICH ATTEMPT TO VIOLATE, BY MEANS OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND ILLEGAL SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OR ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS OR BY VIOLENT ACTIONS, ... THE TURKISH REPUBLIC, OUR COUNTRY'S PEACE AND PUBLIC ORDER, OR FREEDOM OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, WILL FIND THEMSELVES FACED IN THE MOST RESOLUTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FASHION BY ALL THE FORCES OF THE STATE."

2. RIGHTWING PRO-GOVERNMENT TERCUMAN FEB. 28 CALLED THE STATE-MENT A WARNING TO LEFTIST GROUPS. HOWEVER, SENSATIONALIST HURRIYET FEB. 27 SAID THAT THE NSC HAD CRITICIZED A REPORT ON ANARCHIC INCIDENTS SUBMITTED TO THE SAME MEETING BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR BECAUSE IT FAILED TO DISCUSS THE THREAT OF RIGHTWING ORGANIZATIONS AND HAD REQUESTED A SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON SUCH ORGANIZATIONS FOR ITS NEXT MEETING MARCH 10.

3. COMMENT: CONTRARY TO TERCUMAN'S INTERPRETATION, THE NSC'S STATEMENT APPEARS TO BE AIMED AT EXTREMISTS OF THE RIGHT AS MUCH AS AT THOSE OF THE LEFT. IN ITS REASSERTION OF GOVERNMENT UNITY AND DETERMINATION TO ACT EVEN-HANDEDLY, THE STATEMENT MAY REPRESENT NOT ONLY A WARNING BUT ALSO A REPLY TO ALLEGATIONS OF GOVERNMENT FAVORITISM TOWARD THE RIGHTWING EXTREMISTS. MACOMBER

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